

**HARVEY H. HEVENOR**

December 11, 1960

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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of the 8th, and the enclosure of the copy of the National Security Act of 1947. If the general efficiency of your agency is as great as your courtesy, then America should be very thankful.

I realize that you have been unable to answer the question that I asked in previous communications. Reading between the lines, I feel that you have answered in the affirmative, and will so regard it.

Rumor has it that the CIA is in the process of training Cuban refugees in Florida, so that they make a successful assault on Cuba. If this is the truth, then I wish you success, but do not believe that such an effort can be successful. I think that it will take the full might of the United States for a quick raid on Cuba to overturn the Castro regime. Instead of secrecy such an event should be preceded by full publicity to the citizens of that country, in order that responsive people within Cuba are prepared. A full quick blow is the only hope for the least shedding of blood. Personally I have a great fondness for the people of Cuba. They deserve much better than they are getting in political life. I only hope that our nation will see to it, that any new regime is morally strong enough to withstand the forces of vice with which the Batista Government was burdened. Unfortunately, much of this vice had its headquarters in the United States, and it behooves us to see that such is not again the case.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely,

Mr. E -

I think you ~~xxx~~ remember the previous correspondence on this quite vividly and assume you don't need it. Shall I just file this?

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yes - but have to
file first. *For*
or *EB*